

## SIMS EXPLAINS HIS CRITICISMS

Made Costly so Errors of Navy Wouldn't Be Repeated, He Says.

## RAPS LACK OF POLICY Charges Hand-to-Mouth Plans Followed in Early Days of War.

Investigation by the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs of the conduct of the United States navy during the war was begun yesterday with the testimony of Rear Admiral William S. Sims, who reiterated his charge that the wavering policy of the Navy Department at the outbreak of the war was responsible for the prolongation of the conflict and the loss of thousands of lives.

Admiral Sims took occasion in addition, however, to soften somewhat the original indictment contained in his letter of January 7 to Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy. His condemnation of the navy, he said, dealt only with its conduct just prior to our entry into the war and during at most the first year, and not with the work accomplished in 1919.

More Pro-French Than British. Taking up the charge that he had been pro-French and said that he might more justly be accused of having been pro-French, but that his work was often hampered by the apparent lack of confidence shown in him by the Navy Department.

The meat of the matter was expressed by Admiral Sims yesterday in the following passage from his preliminary statement: "From a United States naval standpoint the prosecution of the war involved numerous violations of well recognized and fundamental military principles which every student of naval warfare is familiar with."

Briefly stated they were: "First. Unpreparedness. Second. That we entered it with no well considered policy or plan and with our forces on the sea not in the highest state of readiness. Policy of Vaccination. Third. That, owing to the above conditions, and to the lack of proper organization of our Navy Department, we failed for at least six months to put weight and influence against the enemy; that during this period we pursued a policy of vaccination or, in simpler words, a hand-to-mouth policy."

"My sole object in submitting my letter to the department was not to demonstrate who was right and who was wrong, but rather to insure so thorough an appraisal of errors before time had obscured them that the chances of repeating them would be minimized, if not eliminated in the future."

## GOVERNMENT MINES DEMANDED BY WELSH

(Public Ledger Service, Special Cable Dispatch) London, March 9.—The West-minster Gazette reports that at a special conference of the South Wales Miners' Federation at Cardiff the men voted overwhelmingly in favor of nationalization by direct action. The vote was 3,457 to 610. That may have considerable influence upon Thursday's meeting of the trades union council in London.

## Girl's Assault Escapes

Hagerstown, Md., March 8.—County and city officials today have failed to find any trace of a man who last night assaulted Miss Anna Gallagher, 14-year-old high school girl, near her home here. The girl is in a serious condition. Her assailant is believed to have escaped on a passing freight train.

## Double Chin

If you have a double chin and flabbiness of the face, or if you are overweight in any other part of the body, get all of the benefits of the famous Double Chin Cream. It will remove the double chin, improve the complexion, and give you a more youthful appearance. It is sold in all drug stores.

## To Withstand the Furies of Winter

The season of coughs, colds, grip and influenza, with their possible danger to all. No family should be without a good reliable remedy with which to fight off these diseases—a remedy of known worth and dependability.

With the stomach and bowels in healthy working order and the mucous membranes free from catarrhal inflammation there is little to be feared from the rigors of the weather.

## PE-RU-NA

The Family Standby for Fifty Years Soothes the diseased and inflamed membranes, regulates digestion, aids elimination, enriches the blood and encourages every organ to healthy, normal action. For coughs, colds, nasal catarrh, a catarrhal condition of the stomach, bowels or other organs, there is nothing any better than Dr. Hartman's world famous Pe-ru-na. To restore strength to the body weakened and debilitated by grip or Spanish Flu it is of proved and unquestioned value. The merits of Pe-ru-na, as a remedy in all cases of catarrh, have been demonstrated by thousands during its half century of usefulness.

Use PE-RU-NA Thirty Years "Years ago I was cured of catarrh of the head by three bottles of Pe-ru-na. It is a most effective remedy for a cold and a cough. I have used and recommended Pe-ru-na." Mrs. M. J. Comfort, Liberal, Mo.

TABLETS OR LIQUID SOLD EVERYWHERE

## One Lil' Drink O' Hair Tonic—Presto! Change!

Deaf, Dumb Man Arrested For "Loud and Boisterous Talking."

Unless the ravages of older, near beer and hair tonic are brought to an end, it looks as though some radical amendments will have to be added to the prohibition law. The District Police Court is kept busy settled trouble that started in a glass of 25 cent varnish, cocktail and the like.

For instance, Joseph Cassassa started to drown the memory of his false sweetie in a near-beer saloon, when he was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$100 and sent to jail. And then there was Mamie Jackson, a young colored lady, who was snared by the lure of cider. While on her way to perform at a local sort of housework for a white family Miss Jackson met some convivial friends, who treated her to a drink of sweet apple cider—nothing more than a glass of cider.

She made her way to her service place where she fell into the arms of a young man who was not only a drinker but a fighter. He was arrested for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$100 and sent to jail. And then there was Mamie Jackson, a young colored lady, who was snared by the lure of cider. While on her way to perform at a local sort of housework for a white family Miss Jackson met some convivial friends, who treated her to a drink of sweet apple cider—nothing more than a glass of cider.

## SEWERAGE COMMITTEE TO MEET MONDAY

Ass. E. Phillips, chairman of the committee on sewerage of the Washington Board of Trade, announced last night that the first meeting of his committee will be held Monday, March 15, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the board room.

## PERSHING FAVORS STATUE FOR METZ

(By Herald Leased Wire.) New York, March 9.—Cordial endorsement by Gen. Pershing of the Knights of Columbus project to present a statue of Lafayette to the city of Metz, France, was contained in a letter received from him today by James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the K. of C. in which the general said:

"I cordially endorse the project, which appeals to me highly, and I believe that it is desirable to commemorate any of our activities in the war on one of the bas-reliefs, that the subject which you have chosen is a most fitting one."

## U. S. Demands Possession Of Nine Tank Steamers

The State Department has sent a note to the reparations commission asking that nine tank steamers, formerly owned by a German subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, be allocated to the United States. The ships are now lying idle in the Fifth of Port, Scotland.

It is realized by the State Department that the ownership of the vessels must be settled in a legal manner, but this government opposes the temporary allocation of the boats to any other country pending final decision.

## Taxi Driver Asks \$19,000 For W. R. and E. Collision

William A. Parsley, a taxi driver, sued the Washington Railway and Electric Company yesterday in the District Supreme Court, asking \$19,000 for damages to his Ford taxi cab, which he claims was damaged by a street car run into his taxi on September 15, 1919.

Parsley states that his taxi got caught in the car track near Camp Leach, and that one of the company's cars, instead of stopping, crashed into him, wrecking the taxi and seriously injuring him.

## Woman's Work to Be Discussed

"Woman's Work" will be the theme of a discussion by Miss Florence M. Brown, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., tomorrow night before the French Club of the Washington Salon in its studio, McLean Building, 1517 H street, Dr. C. Edward Beckett will give a talk on "The Importance of Physical Education." A musical program will be presented.

## Hold Jap Student as Thief

Taisan Jap, 25 years old, a Japanese student at George Washington University, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Sergeant Grant and Vermillion and charged with eight cases of petty larceny. According to the police Jap admitted his guilt, saying his parents in Hawaii were in poor circumstances and that he had stolen to pay his tuition.

## GREAT FALLS PLAN BALKED

Committee Wants Probe of District's Water Supply Needs.

Conferees on the water power bill yesterday voted to strike out the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the enlargement of the power plant at Great Falls on the Potomac River. The committee was unanimous in the opinion that further investigation of the District's need for an increased water supply was advisable.

The committee will recommend a substitute provision directing the Water Power Commission to investigate and report to Congress by January 1, 1926, on the plans for developing the Great Falls plant. The commission is instructed to present plans which will provide for the needs of the District and the supply of water. The original Senate provision, introduced by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, directs the Water Power Commission to proceed with the enlargement of the Great Falls plant by increasing the height of the dam, or by largely increasing the capacity of the Delmarva reservoir. The purpose of the amendment is largely to increase both the supply of water and the supply of light and electric power for Washington.

## McCORMACK WELL RECEIVED AT POLI'S

John McCormack, the popular Irish tenor, was presented at Poli's yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Wilson-Greene, with Mrs. Kennedy, cellist, and Edwin Schneider, pianist, as assistant artists. Owing to the noise attending the seating of some late arrivals during Mr. McCormack's biggest number, the aria "A Te Tra Fanti Affanni," from Mozart's "Davide Penitente," it is difficult to make a just criticism, but it is to be regretted that he does not include more classical compositions in his program, because he is really capable of high-class work. In his second number, the "May Night" of Brahms, by which time the audience had been subdued, he did his best work. His reading was finished and his voice rich and sympathetic.

## APPROPRIATION CUT OUSTS 50 EMPLOYEES

Dismissal of fifty employees of the Government Printing Office has resulted from a cut by Congress in appropriations. It was announced yesterday. The employees were dropped yesterday and Saturday. Further decreases are planned. Employees will be taken from night shifts and placed on day work at a lower scale.

## STATES' RIGHTS PLEA MADE IN DRY APPEAL

The Volstead prohibition enforcement law, to be effective, must be in the form of a constitutional amendment. P. H. Kelly argued in Supreme Court yesterday, representing George C. Dempsey, Massachusetts liquor dealer, who is appealing to the court in the effort to have constitutional prohibition law repealed.

## SOLDIERS TO TRAIN FOR OLYMPIC TEAM

Uncle Sam's soldiers are out for world athletic honors. It was announced by the War Department last night that the army's best athletes will be selected by the elimination process and given special training for the Olympic tryouts to be held July 17.

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## Names Customs Collectors

The President yesterday sent the following nominations to the Senate: W. Burr Conger, of Cleveland, Ohio, to be collector of customs for District No. 4, with headquarters at Cleveland (reappointment); Albert W. Nowlin, of New Orleans, to be naval officer of customs, District No. 20, headquarters at New Orleans (new appointment); confirmed.

## When you get Indigestion

A few tablets of "Pape's Diapasein" bring relief almost as soon as they reach the stomach. "Pape's Diapasein" by neutralizing the acidity of the stomach instantly relieves the food souring and fermentation which causes the misery-making gases, heartburn, flatulence, belching, or pain in stomach and intestines.

## Take It from Uncle Eph

ONE GOOD thing about the auto is there isn't a nail that isn't mixed up with the reins. Cheer up. You should be thankful that your rubber heels don't have inner tubes.

## 68 TEACHERS TO BE PLACED

Plan of Distribution Among Schools of District Not Yet Decided.

Plans for distributing the increment of sixty-eight new temporary teachers granted by Congress among the schools will be taken up shortly by the board of education. Superintendent of schools, Dr. Van Schaick, said he had not determined how many teachers will be assigned to the high schools, which are urgently in need of additional help.

## RISE PREDICTED IN COAL PRICES

Consumer Would Meet Increase to Miners, Operator Hints.

New York, March 9.—Accession to the anthracite miners' demands for increased wages and shorter hours would necessitate an immediate increase in the price of hard coal, in the opinion of J. J. Jermyn, of Scranton, Pa., independent operator. Jermyn was here today to attend the joint conference of miners' representatives and operators, preparatory to considering the anthracite miners' demands for 60 per cent wage increase, a six-hour day and five-day week, and recognition of their union.

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## PAPER SHORTAGE TO BE DISCUSSED

Representatives of all business firms in Washington interested in advertising will confer on the newsprint shortage this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the oak room of the Raleigh Hotel. The meeting has been called by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, but attendance will not be limited to members of the association.

Meetings of the paper and the dyers and cleaners' sections of the association will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the offices of Charles J. Columbus, secretary.

## Chamber Announces Rules For Its Essay Contest

Rules for the public essay contest being conducted by the Washington Chamber of Commerce in the interest of civic and business cooperation were made public last night by A. E. Seymour, secretary.

## Georgian Urged For I. C. C.

The entire Georgia Congressional delegation called at the White House yesterday to urge upon President Wilson the appointment of Charles G. Edwards of Savannah, former Representative, to one of the three existing vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## M'COY GRANTS WEBSTER STAY

Postpones Hanging 27 Days On Insanity Plea Advanced by Friends.

Because the sanity of Charles Ross Webster, condemned to be hanged Tuesday for the murder of 15-year-old Richard Duval, has been questioned by his friends, Chief Justice McCoy yesterday in Criminal Court postponed the execution until April 13.

## Farm Bill Completed

Revision of the agriculture appropriation bill has been virtually completed, members of the Senate Agriculture Committee said yesterday. The House appropriation is increased by about \$2,000,000, members said.

## Don't Forget Our Soda Fountain Lunch

—where you get the best and most complete light noon luncheon in the city. Try it. We serve all the popular hot and cold drinks, mixed by experts.

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Large assortment, good quality, 15¢ for 50¢

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